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SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I ask whether the Hon. Minister will be good enough to allot such grants that he is giving to the hospital libraries equally to those libraries meant for the patients also?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The books available in the hospital libraries are limited in number. It is only in the medical college libraries that we have a large number of books."

MRS. M. N. CLUBWALA :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware that the Hospital Committee of the Guild of Service have been sending for the last 14 years, bundles of book once a month for the patients in all the civilian hospitals in Madras regularly?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I am very glad to have the information from the hon. lady member."

Applications received for admission in Medical Colleges from different communities.

* 80 Q.—SRI B. BHIMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of applications received this year for admission into each of the Medical Colleges of the Province from (1) Brahmans, (2) Non-Brahmans, (3) Muslims and (4) Indian Christians and Anglo-Indians;

(b) how many from each community were admitted into the colleges;

(c) the qualifications (that is, B.A., B.Sc., or Intermediate) and details of marks obtained by the first and last ten admitted from each community in English, the group or subject taken by the applicant and total number of marks; and

(d) in the case of Brahman applicants the marks of the topmost ten candidates as mentioned above, who were refused admission?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) All the Medical Colleges are taken together for purposes of admission. The students do not apply for admission to a particular college but mention their preference and they are distributed to the different colleges only after the selection. This year, 528 Brahmins, 629 Non-Brahmins, 156 Indian Christians and Anglo-Indians, 48 Muslims and 13 Harijans applied for admission.

" (b) Fifty-eight Brahmins, 148 Non-Brahmins, 57 Indian Christians and Anglo-Indians, 46 Muslims and 13 Harijans (all of them) were admitted.

" (c) & (d) As the selection of candidates is made on a district-war basis it is not possible to furnish the information."